

Tar balls close 4 miles of Long Beach shoreline

<http://www.10news.com/news/tar-balls-close-4-miles-of-long-beach-shoreline>

A large swath of beach in Long Beach was closed Wednesday night after tar balls washed ashore.

The beach will be closed from 1st Place to 72nd Place until health and environmental concerns can be addressed, Long Beach Fire Department Public Information Officer Jake Heflin said.

Calif. AG Harris To Tour Cleanup Efforts At Refugio State Beach

<http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2015/06/04/calif-ag-harris-to-tour-cleanup-efforts-at-refugio-state-beach/>

California Attorney General Kamala Harris will expected Thursday to tour cleanup efforts at the Refugio State Beach and the surrounding area affected by last month's oil spill.

The spill on May 19 blackened beaches near Santa Barbara with crude oil, spilling over 100,000 gallons of crude into the Pacific Ocean and onto coastal beaches and creating a 9-mile slick in the ocean.

Harris's office and the Santa Barbara District Attorney are conducting a joint investigation of the oil spill

UPDATE 1-Plains All says California pipeline not to restart in June

<http://in.reuters.com/article/2015/06/03/california-oilspill-pipeline-idINL3N0YP5RT20150603>

Plains All American Pipeline said it does not expect to restart before June 30 its pipeline that spilled hundreds of barrels of oil on the coast of Santa Barbara, California last month.

The company said it had not set a timeline to restart the Las Flores-to-Gaviota pipeline.

Senate passes McGuire's coastal offshore oil drilling ban; bill closes loophole

http://www.lakeconews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=42037:senate-passes-mcguires-coastal-offshore-oil-drilling-ban-bill-closes-loophole&catid=40:business-news&Itemid=294

On Wednesday the California Senate approved North Coast Sen. Mike McGuire's legislation to forever protect California's coast from new offshore oil development.

"California's coast is truly a worldwide wonder. Its natural beauty attracts 150 million visitors annually from all across the planet. It is a core part of this great state's identity and our coastal economy is a main driver of our statewide economic engine. In the wake of last month's devastating oil spill, we cannot afford to wait any longer to permanently ban new oil drilling off our coast," McGuire said.

Environmental Group Warns Santa Barbara Oil Spill Cleanup Workers to Protect Their Health

<http://www.truth-out.org/news/item/31172-louisiana-environmental-group-warns-santa-barbara-oil-spill-cleanup-workers-to-protect-their-health>

An open letter from the Louisiana Environmental Action Network (LEAN) and the Lower Mississippi Riverkeeper advises those affected by the Santa Barbara Plains All American Pipeline spill not to participate in the clean-up effort.

Oil spill roundup and how you can help

<http://www.vcstar.com/news/outdoors/refugio-oil-spill>

On May 19, an underground pipeline north of Santa Barbara released as much as 105,000 gallons of oil. An estimated 21,000 gallons of the crude oil spilled into the ocean off Refugio State Beach.

Clean up: Teams have skimmed and vacuumed thousands of gallons of oily water from the ocean, as well as collected oily sand, debris and soil bag by bag over the past few weeks.

UO's Erlandson answers plea from California's Chumash Indians

<http://around.uoregon.edu/content/uos-erlandson-answers-plea-californias-chumash-indians>

Two oil spills in 26 years sent the UO's Jon Erlandson full circle.

In 1989 Erlandson, now executive director of the Museum of Natural and Cultural History, had just completed his doctoral dissertation at the University of California, Santa Barbara on the archaeology of local coastline when he was hired to help protect archaeological sites during the Exxon-Valdez oil spill in Alaska.

Mystery tar balls could affect Southern California's beloved grunion

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-tar-balls-grunion-runs-20150604-story.html>

The California Office of Spill Prevention and Response says it will cease its tar ball cleanup efforts at night to minimize the effect on grunion when the species' spawning runs occur. Crews were advised to minimize "disturbance to the sand as much as possible during the grunion run period."

"Tar balls on beaches in Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles and Orange counties have the potential to impact beach and near-shore animals including California grunion," the office said.

Fisherman sues pipeline owner over Santa Barbara oil spill

<http://www.komonews.com/news/national/Fisherman-sues-pipeline-owner-over-Santa-Barbara-oil-spill-306084001.html>

A commercial fisherman sued the owner of the oil pipeline that spilled thousands of gallons of crude on the Santa Barbara coast, alleging the environmental disaster would cause decades of harm to the shore and hurt many businesses.

Stace Cheverez said in the suit filed Monday in Los Angeles federal court that Plains All American Pipeline has a poor safety record and didn't have proper equipment to prevent a spill, such as valves that automatically would have shut down the pipeline if there was a leak.

New Calif. beach closure is far from oil spill

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2015/06/04/oil-spill-tar-balls-long-beach/28455279/>

Tar balls have started washing up in Long Beach, Calif., about 100 miles south of the state beach where a pipeline break resulted in a 101,000-gallon oil spill.

The discovery Wednesday prompted closure of the sands as the summer tourism season is just beginning.

California Oil Spill: Pipe Had Previous Issues, Feds Say

<http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/california-oil-spill-pipe-had-previous-issues-feds-say-n369576>

A pipeline rupture that spilled an estimated 101,000 gallons of crude oil near Santa Barbara last month occurred along a badly corroded section that had worn away to a fraction of an inch in thickness, according to federal regulators.

The preliminary findings released Wednesday by the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration point to a possible cause of the May 19 spill that blackened popular beaches and created a 9-mile slick in the Pacific Ocean.